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COUNTRY FRANCE CHINA
SUBJECT FRENCH COMMERCIAL MISSION
TO COMMUNIST CHINA

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FRANCOIS DE CROUY-CHANEL,

DIRECTOR OF SEPEO AND ADVISOR TO THE CONSEIL NATIONAL DU PATRONAT FRANCAIS (CNPF), REVEALED THAT A CONFIDENTIAL FIVE-MAN COMMERCIAL MISSION WOULD BE SENT TO PEKING IN SEPTEMBER 1963. THE FRENCH MISSION, WHICH WILL INCLUDE DE CROUY-CHANEL AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CNPF, WAS DECIDED UPON DURING A MEETING BETWEEN THE SEPEO DIRECTOR AND CHINESE COMMUNIST VICE-MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL TRADE, LU HSU-CHANG IN APRIL 1963.

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2. THE AIMS OF THE FRENCH COMMERCIAL MISSION ARE TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A FRENCH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FALL OF 1964 AND TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT FRENCH TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN PEKING. THE SEPEO DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE CHINESE WERE INTERESTED IN THE MISSION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL SPECIALIZED FRENCH TECHNICAL MISSIONS TO CHINA THAT ARE IN KEEPING WITH CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL NEEDS.

3. DE CROUY-CHANEL POINTED OUT THAT THE SCHEDULED FRENCH MISSION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND THAT NO MENTION OF IT WILL BE MADE IN THE SEPEO BULLETIN, CNPF REPORTS, OR ANY GOVERNMENTAL PUBLICATIONS.

25X1C 4 [REDACTED] THE CNPF IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL INDUSTRIAL GROUPS IN FRANCE. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, A MISSION OF THIS LEVEL CARRIES WITH IT CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE AND IS COMPARABLE TO A SEMI-OFFICIAL MISSION OF THE GOVERNMENT. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE MISSION IS BEING MADE WITH GOVERNMENT CONSENT IF NOT DIRECT GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP.)

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[REDACTED] SIX CHINESE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL MISSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN FRANCE BEFORE THE END OF 1963. ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONCERN

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